



PATENT

FILE NO. M09626

## Declaration and Power of Attorney

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

GASEOUS FUEL PRESSURE REGULATOR FOR ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLING AN OUTLET PRESSURE

The specification of which

(check one) ☒ X is attached hereto  
☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as  
Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).\*

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Applications(s)			Priority Claimed	
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.) (Filing Date) (Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agents(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office

connected therewith: William D. Lanyi (Reg. No. 30,190), and Michael E. Taken (Reg. No. 28,120).

Address all telephone calls to William D. Lanyi  
at telephone number (414) 929-5419 .

Address all correspondence to William D. Lanyi,  
Director of Intellectual Property  
Mercury Marine, Division of Brunswick  
Corporation

W6250 Pioneer Road  
P.O. Box 1939  
Fond du Lac, WI 54936-1939

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full Name of Sole  
or First Inventor  
Inventor's Signature  
Residence  
Citizenship  
Post Office Address

Jeffery M. Konopacki  
 Jeffery M. Konopacki Date 6-24-2003  
 W11649 State Road 23, Ripon, WI 54971  
 United States  
 W11649 State Road 23, Ripon, WI 54971

Full Name of second  
Joint Inventor, if any  
Inventor's Signature  
Residence  
Citizenship  
Post Office Address

Blake R. Suhre  
Blake R. Suhre Date June, 13 2003  
 684 Yorkshire Road, Neenah, WI 54956  
 United States  
 684 Yorkshire Road, Neenah, WI 54956

Full Name of third  
Joint Inventor, if any  
Inventor's Signature  
Residence  
Citizenship

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2003

United States

Post Office Address  
Full Name of fourth  
Joint Inventor, if any  
Inventor's Signature  
Residence  
Citizenship  
Post Office Address

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2003

United States

Full Name of fifth  
Joint Inventor, if any \_\_\_\_\_  
Inventor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2003  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Post Office Address \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of sixth  
Joint Inventor, if any \_\_\_\_\_  
Inventor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2003  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Post Office Address \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of seventh  
Joint Inventor, if any \_\_\_\_\_  
Inventor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2003  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Post Office Address \_\_\_\_\_

\*Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56:

(a) A patent by its very nature is affected with a public interest. The public interest is best served, and the most effective patent examination occurs when, at the time an application is being examined, the Office is aware of and evaluates the teachings of all information material to patentability. Each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of a patent application has a duty of candor and good faith in dealing with the Office, which includes a duty to disclose to the Office all information known to that individual to be material to patentability as defined in this section. The duty to disclose information exists with respect to each pending claim until the claim is cancelled or withdrawn from consideration, or the application becomes abandoned. Information material to the patentability of a claim that is cancelled or withdrawn from consideration need not be submitted if the information is not material to the patentability of any claim remaining under consideration in the application. There is no duty to submit information which is not material to the patentability of any existing claim. The duty to disclose all information known to be material to patentability is deemed to be satisfied if all information known to be material to patentability of any claim issued in a patent was cited by the Office or submitted to the Office in the manner prescribed by §§ 1.97(b)-(d) and 1.98. However, no patent will be granted on an application in connection with which fraud on the Office was practiced or attempted or the duty of disclosure was violated through bad faith or intentional misconduct. The Office encourages applicants to carefully examine:

(1) prior art cited in search reports of a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and

(2) the closest information over which individuals associated with the filing or prosecution of a patent application believe any pending claim patentably defines, to make sure that any material information contained therein is disclosed to the Office.

(b) Under this section, information is material to patentability when it is not cumulative to information already of record or being made of record in the application, and

(1) It establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of a claim; or

(2) It refutes, or is inconsistent with, a position the applicant takes in:

(i) Opposing an argument of unpatentability relied on by the Office, or

(ii) Asserting an argument of patentability.

A prima facie case of unpatentability is established when the information compels a conclusion that a claim is unpatentable under the preponderance of evidence, burden-of-proof standard, giving each term in the claim its broadest reasonable construction consistent with the specification, and before any consideration is given to evidence which may be submitted in an attempt to establish a contrary conclusion of patentability.

(c) Individuals associated with the filing or prosecution of a patent application within the meaning of this section are:

(1) Each inventor named in the application;

(2) Each attorney or agent who prepares or prosecutes the application; and

(3) Every other person who is substantively involved in the preparation or prosecution of the application and who is associated with the inventor, with the assignee or with anyone to whom there is an obligation to assign the application.

(d) Individuals other than the attorney, agent or inventor may comply with this section by disclosing information to the attorney, agent, or inventor.

ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO.  
M09626

## PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Jeffery M. Konopacki and Blake R. Suhrefor GASEOUS FUEL PRESSURE REGULATOR FOR ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLING AN OUTLET PRESSUREX 6 Sheets of drawing.X an assignment of the invention to BRUNSWICK CORPORATION☐ a certified copy of a \_\_\_\_\_ application.☐ associate power of attorney.

## CLAIM AS FILED

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE
-----	-----------------	-----------------	------	-----

Total claims -----	20 - 20 =	0	X \$18 =	\$ 0.00
--------------------	-----------	---	----------	---------

Independent claims -----	3 - 3 =	0	X \$84 =	0.00
--------------------------	---------	---	----------	------

Basic fee (minimum amount required) -----				750.00
--	--	--	--	--------

If filing multiple dependent claims add \$280.00 -----				
--	--	--	--	--

Total Filing fee -----				\$ 750.00
------------------------	--	--	--	-----------

X Please charge Deposit Account 13-2730 in the amount of \$ 750.00  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 13-2730. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.  
7-2-03  
date

*William D. Lanyi*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney of Record  
William D. Lanyi  
MERCURY MARINE, division of Brunswick  
Corporation  
W6250 Pioneer Road  
P.O. Box 1939  
Fond du Lac, WI 54936-1939



REGISTRATION FORM COVER SHEET  
PATENTS ONLY

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Patent and Trademark Office  
M09626

To the Honorable Commission of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies): 2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Jeffery M. Konopacki  
Blake R. Suhre

Name: BRUNSWICK CORPORATION

Address: W6250 Pioneer Road  
Fond du Lac, WI 54936

Additional names(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

3. Nature of conveyance:

☒ Assignment ☐ Merger  
☐ Security Agreement ☐ Change of Name  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: 1 N. FIELD COURT

City: LAKE FOREST State: IL Zip: 60045-4811

Execution Date: June 13, 24, 2003

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached?  
☐ Yes ☒ No

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

If this document is being filed together with a new application,

the execution date of the application is: \_\_\_\_\_

A. Patent Application No.(s)

B. Patent No.(s)

Additional numbers attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

Name: WILLIAM D. LANYI

Internal Address: Law Department

W6250 Pioneer Road

Fond du Lac, WI 54936

Street Address: W6250 Pioneer Road

City: FOND DU LAC State: WI Zip: 54936

6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41): .....\$ 40.00

☐ Enclosed

☒ Authorized to be charged to deposit account

8. Deposit account number:

13-2730

DO NOT USE THIS SPACE

9. Statement and signature.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

WILLIAM D. LANYI

Name of Person Signing

[Signature]  
Signature

7-02-03

Date

Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and document: \_\_\_\_\_

JOINT

PATENT  
FILE NO. M09626

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, Jeffery M. Konopacki of Ripon,  
County of Fond du Lac and State of Wisconsin,  
Blake R. Suhre of Neenah,  
County of Winnebago and State of Wisconsin,  
\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,  
County of \_\_\_\_\_, and State of \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,  
County of \_\_\_\_\_, and State of \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,  
County of \_\_\_\_\_, and State of \_\_\_\_\_,

have invented certain new and useful improvements

in GASEOUS FUEL PRESSURE REGULATOR FOR ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLING AN OUTLET PRESSURE

for which an application is about to be made for Letters Patent of the United States, said application having  
been executed on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2003, the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2003,  
the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003, the  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Whereas, Brunswick Corp., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and having its principal offices at 1 N. Field Court, Lake Forest, Illinois U.S.A. is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and in, to and under any and all Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

Now, therefore, for good and valuable consideration to us paid by the said Brunswick Corp., we have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the said Brunswick Corp., its successors and assigns, our entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and the Letters Patent, both foreign and domestic, that may or shall issue, including all of our rights under any and all international conventions, treaties and/or agreements concerning patents to which the United States is a party, and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to the above mentioned assignee in accordance herewith.

We further authorize said assignee, its successors and assigns, or anyone it may properly designate, to apply for Letters Patent, in its own name if desired, in any and all foreign countries, and additionally to claim the filing date of said United States application and/or otherwise take advantage of the provisions of any international convention, treaty and/or agreement.

We do hereby covenant and agree with the said assignee, its successors and assigns, that we will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with these presents, and that we or our executors or administrators will at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration, but at the expense of the said assignee, its successors and assigns, execute such additional writings and do such additional acts as said assignee, its successors and assigns, may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the assignee's enjoyment of this grant, and render all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, divisional, reissued or extended Letters Patent of the United States, or any of and all foreign countries on said invention, and in enforcing any rights, occurring as a result of such applications or patents, by giving testimony in any proceedings or transactions involving such applications or patents.

Date 6-13, 2003 Blake R. Suhre  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Date 6-24, 2003 Jeffery M. Konopacki  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

State of Wis )  
County of Winnebago ) ss.

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2003, before me personally appeared Blake R. Suhre  
to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he  
executed the same as his free act and deed.

AJ Luft  
Notary Public  
My commission expires on 9-3-06

State of Wisconsin )  
County of Winnebago ) ss.

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2003, before me personally appeared Jeffery M. Konopacki  
to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he  
executed the same as his free act and deed.

BA Schuy  
Notary Public  
My commission expires on 9/18/03



State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) ss.

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, before me personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_,  
to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he  
executed the same as his free act and deed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
My commission expires on \_\_\_\_\_

State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) ss.

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, before me personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_,  
to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he  
executed the same as his free act and deed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
My commission expires on \_\_\_\_\_